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2. S.S. GOYNIA, S.S. GDANSK, S.S. SZCZECIN
and S.S. KOFFERNIK

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25X1 1. [redacted] ship entered Danzig harbor with a cargo of ore moored at the ore and coal harbor in Weichselmuende and started unloading 9,640 tons of pyrites for Czechoslovakia, which had been taken on in a Communist harbor on Hai Nan Island, at 3 p.m. on 17 August 1953. The unloading operations were completed at 2 a.m. on 21 August 1953. After clearing out and being searched [redacted] on 21 August 1953.

25X1 2. One of the three ore handling bridges on the west side of the Weichselmuende harbor basin was out of operation for repair. The ore handling bridge tilted the ore cargo [redacted] directly into cars. [redacted]

3. The following is a tabulation of ships loading coal in Danzig harbor:

Ship's Name	Nationality	GRT
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OTTO SCHMIDT	USSR	3,549
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Ship's NameNationalityGT

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Lighter VENT

USSR

2,000

Lighter ONEGA

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WIELUN

Poland

2,000

Another Soviet lighter also received a cargo of coal:

[redacted] Polish S/S GLIWICE waited
for cargo [redacted]

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[redacted] a total of 20,000 men worked in round-the-clock shifts in the Lening
shipyard. [redacted] the new Polish NOWA HUTA-type ships GDYNIA,
GDANSK and SZCZECIN [redacted]

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At 6 a.m. on 21 August 1953 [redacted]
Polish PT boats [redacted] had wooden hulls, were about 20 meters
long and were moored at a wooden pier. They were painted dark gray, had an
unencumbered foredeck and a small wheel house with a short signal mast, were
armed with two 20-mm AA guns aft of the bridge and a large gun with a long
barrel on the fantail near the stern and, on each side of the stern, had bomb-
launching apparatus each with four depth bombs. They had no torpedo arma-
ment.

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Comment:

[redacted] two Polish crews sent [redacted] to sail the S.S. GDYNIA
and the S.S. SZCZECIN had to return to Poland because the Soviets had
already taken them away.

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Comment:

Previous information indicated that merchant ship KOPERNIK
was previously named LODZ. She passed Brunsbuettel [redacted]
[redacted] on 17 August 1953.

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